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On Behalf Of: Latino or Hispanic Community
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Chair Sollman, Vice- Chair Findley, and members of the committee, my Name is Adrian Arenas, staff lead with LatinoBuilt Association. I provide written testimony today to express my support for the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package (SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, SB 871).

As Green program Manager with LatinoBuilt, my role is to bring the benefits of high performance and healthy & resilient buildings to our Member Contractors, hence to our community. We provide technical trainings to onboard Latino Contractors into the Energy Efficiency industry. We then service the community through our members. Representing the Latino Community, I support the 4 bills presented and strongly support voting yes on them. I can assure you they will be critical to the success of our organizational mission. The alignment of our energy efficiency programs locally with state climate goals will enable the acceleration of heat pump equipment deployment, building weatherization upgrades, and energy efficiency upgrades in general.

This acceleration of energy efficiency retrofit measures will enable our organization and members to thrive in today's Green Building market. Enabling LatinoBuilt to provide more culturally specific technical trainings on energy efficiency & clean energy. While enabling our participating Members to be the growing skilled workforce which will perform this important work. Ultimately contributing to the state's climate goals.